

## **NPA**

### **President's report for 2010**

#### **Major issues**

During the year, NPA made a major effort to oppose medium density zoning in Northbridge as proposed in Council's draft WLEP. We employed a planning consultant to help us get our submissions right. On November 3, Council decided that medium density residential zoning would be imposed on Sailors Bay Rd west of the Junction and in Eastern Valley Way. However, a concerted effort by residents, NPA and Ward Councillors ensured that single residential zoning would be retained for most of Sailors Bay Rd east of the Junction (*see details front page*).

Knowing that further developments mean more traffic, we have again urged Council to carry out a comprehensive traffic study of Northbridge.

The first application for the nursing home proposed between Sailors Bay and Baringa Rds was rejected by Council and the second application also does not comply with relevant State controls. NPA objected to aspects of both applications but ultimately the decision will be made by a State planning panel, not by Council.

During the year, RTA installed its preferred design option for a new safety fence on the Suspension Bridge and completed its installation, despite widespread community opposition to the design during 2009.

#### **Other local issues**

NPA made a substantial submission to the Northbridge Park Masterplan and was successful in having some proposals dropped. We objected again to the car wash proposal, which was ultimately approved after a Land and Environment Court conference.

NPA had input to Council's Aquatic Strategy Study; continued to urge action against Northbridge Hotel (which renovated extensively in 2007 without Council approvals); commented on a cyclists' refuge; supported Council's new policy on tree vandalism; commented on a draft Clive Park reserve action plan; and provided input to the proposed new floodlighting at Northbridge Oval.

### **Community activities**

In 2010, we promoted use of the new Loop shuttle bus and supported Council's smoke-free policy. We donated \$2000 to a Northbridge history section in the new Branch Library. Being a regular user of St Marks Hall, we pledged \$1000 for new curtains. We also donated \$200 for citizenship awards at the local Primary Schools. NPA organised a Clean Up Northbridge day in March.

I commend Pam Clifford on her valuable research and writings about Northbridge history. She has initiated work on a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013 of the naming of Northbridge. NPA is supporting the writing of a new Northbridge history book for the occasion.

### **Thank you**

I congratulate our three Ward Councillors for their sincere efforts on behalf of Northbridge residents. They work long hours to respond to our community's concerns.

My thanks go to our advertisers in *The 202* newsletter, many of whom have been loyal to NPA for several years. Without them, NPA would be much less effective. Please support them all.

My sincere thanks to chartered accountant Michael Ball who acts as the Association's Honorary Auditor and to solicitor Peter McLachlan, who is the Public Officer. NPA is fortunate to have such well-qualified and community-minded people to ensure its excellent governance.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone else who makes the Association successful:

Our 511 members (a record, representing about 15% of Northbridge households),

*The 202* editorial team and those voluntary "walkers" who deliver *The 202*, and

Our excellent guest speakers and the hard-working members of NPA's committee.

Northbridge is blessed to have such a caring and committed community.

*Peter McNair*